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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
 May Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 22, 2018
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Darryl Burnett, Carlessia Hussein, Sheri Lewis, Paul Nagy, Gary Stewart, Deborah Rivkin, Bob Sheesley

Members Excused: Kevin Carlson, Matt Reber

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Gail Wowk, Denise Dillon, Benedictine University- Student MPH

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes	Review and approval of the Agenda Errors in spelling of Board Members name were pointed out and corrections made. Added Gail Wowk as attending the April's meeting which was omitted. Motion to accept April's minutes AFTER corrections	The motion to accept the April 2018 minutes was approved unanimously
Health Officer's Report	<u>Health Officer's Report</u>	
New Business	<u>Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission – Joy Strand</u> Introduction of Guest: Denise Dillon, MPH Student at Benedictine University. As a class assignment, has to attend a local Board of Health Meeting for her Public Health Systems class. She had to collect the Agenda, write a summary of the meeting for his class, receive a signature verifying his attendance Remedy Dispensary Tour for May 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. will be rescheduled and a new date will be sent out to Board Members.	

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	<p>Ms. Strand started with the Medical Cannabis Commission on December 1, 2017. The Mission of MMCCS, is to establish the legalization of cannabis use for the State of Maryland. The commission focuses on licenses', registration, compliance, safety and quality. It develops the regulations and requirements to licenses regards to building construction, surveillance and any type of operating procedures in regard to COMAR. The Commission are the keepers and processors for the patient registration and all the providers that do the certifications for patients. With regard to compliance, there is a team of inspectors that go out into the field to the different locations and do the inspections with a focus on quality and safety. This is what sets Maryland apart and above other state programs—there is very vigorous testing standards that other state do not have. The work for getting medical cannabis legalized started 2013 and expanded.</p> <p>There are provider categories (will go over later). The Commission had an overhaul last summer (2017), and on December 1, 2017 the product became available in Maryland. The registration for patients opened up in April 2017 and we were getting 10 or 15 applications a day. December 1, 2017 was a Friday when we came in on Monday we had 700 applications. As of today we receive 200-250 applications a day. It's growing very rapidly every day.</p> <p>The commission organization structure was shared. There will be a change of the commission makeup in 2019 based on which was passed in House Bill #2. The Commission recently hired a second Assistant States Attorney because we are growing and have a lot more litigation. The Compliance Office is one our largest offices which includes one Reginal Compliance Director, 4 regional compliance officers, 8 investigators - 2 per region and have just added an Administrative Assistant. The Commission also has a Quality Assurance Call Center that answers phone, register patients, answer emails, print ID cards and correspondence.</p> <p>Some questions that arose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you become a patient? Everything is web based, patients go online to sign on and answer questions based on special needs and products, need to submit a clear photo. When patient is cleared we send them their patient identifier and they need to take it to a certified provider. The provider performs the exam and determines the course of care, puts the recommendation into the database, that is the point where the patient can than go to any dispenser and must show their ID (\$50) to purchase medical cannabis. Will be changing and we will be making it mandatory they must carry their ID card with them at all times. • How do I become a provider? Currently we have 5 positions, one need to be a provider in good standing in Maryland. Go on site to create your provider registration each year. Create your provider profile, once it's approved. Must renew registration every two years. There is a list certified conditions for acquiring cannabis. The provider has the option to cancel if a patient's diagnose does not qualify them any longer. 	<p>Power Point Presentation was emailed to board members</p>

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Old Business	<p>Maryland has the most liberal category to qualify a person for the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are considered Care Givers? Need to be over 21, designated by a patient (an agreement between the designee and patient) this is on line also. Only minor that can handle cannabis is a Caregiver for a Parent. To become a care giver you go through the same process as a patient on line. A patient may have two caregivers maximum and caregiver may have 5 patients in their care. . Any limits on receiving Medical cannabis? It's a rolling 30 day period. If you purchased something 29 days ago it will become available tomorrow on the 30th day. Dispensary knows, when they go with their ID it will show that they are active member and how much they may purchase that day. New certification with no purchase within 120 days, then the card will become none void. This is one way go around the diversion of misuse. If a patient wants to change their provider, the provider has to decertify them and when they go to a new provider they have to register again, they can only have one provider. Hospice patients do not have a waiting period; they get processed right away and do not need a photo. <p><u>Board of Health Composition / Recruitment</u></p> <p>Process is ongoing. Some applications were received. It was suggested that we issue a second Press Release to solicit physicians. It was suggested to form a subcommittee of board members to review resumes of BOH applicant. Deb Rivkin, Darryl Burnette, Gary Stewart will serve as the subcommittee.</p>	Board created a subcommittee to review resumes.
	<p>Suggested topics for future meetings: School-base telehealth.</p>	
Other Business	NO BOARD MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST 2018	
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>	

Next Board of Health Meeting: June 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045